

June 3, 2004

FINANCE & MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 9

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, that the following items are hereby received and filed.

- |    | Item   | Page  | -2004 | (Comm. 9D-8)  |
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| a. | <b>COUNTY ATTORNEY:</b> Letter to Legislator DeBenedetti in Response to Request for Opinion Re: Social Services Commissioner Position.           |       |       |               |
|    |  | (5-0) |       |               |
| b. | <b>HOLT:</b> Copy of Letter to Legislators Requesting Support to Override County Executive's Veto of Local Law Intro. 8-2003.                    |       |       | (Comm. 9E-5)  |
|    |  | (5-0) |       |               |
| c. | <b>EC BAR ASSOCIATION AID TO INDIGENT PRISONERS SOCIETY ASSIGNED COUNSEL:</b> Report of Assigned Counsel Program – 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2004. |       |       | (Comm. 9M-25) |
|    |  | (5-0) |       |               |
| d. | <b>COMPTROLLER:</b> Quarterly Investment Report 1/1/04 – 3/31/04.  |       |       | (Comm. 11E-8) |
|    |  | (5-0) |       |               |

2. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 11E-19)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has provided oversight and guidance in the last few years regarding the development of a program to promote Erie County's abundant and high quality sport fishing resources, with the intent to increase awareness and to maximize the recreational opportunities and tourism potential associated with developing the sport fishing business in Erie County and this region; and

WHEREAS, because sport fishing can and should be a significant component in enhancing the business of recreational tourism in this County and region, there is a need to increase awareness and appreciation for sport fishing opportunities in Erie County for our residents, and to increase visits to our County and region by individuals who want to participate in sport fishing activities; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau (BNCVB) has agreed to develop this 2004 sport fishery promotion program in cooperation with Erie County because this sport fishery program is supportive and consistent with the BNCVB's mission to promote our many high quality tourism resources in Erie County and the Buffalo Niagara Region; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau's successful efforts to promote the use of our many quality sports facilities for amateur athletic events, Buffalo and Erie County will host several significant athletic events and activities throughout the next several months that are expected to generate economic impacts exceeding three million dollars; and

WHEREAS, these amateur athletic events and activities include: the 2004 Nissan Buffalo Marathon (May 2004), All Pro Hoops Camp (July 2004) sponsored by Group Ministries, Inc., Girls Under 18 Class B East National Tournament sponsored by the Amateur Softball Association (August 2004), STAR Swimming's 2004 swim competitions, and East Sectional Team Synchronized Skating Champs event sponsored by the United States Figure Skating Association (January 2005).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into the necessary agreement with the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, in order to provide funds in the amount of \$186,000 for the above-referenced 2004 Sports Fishery Promotion Program and amateur athletic events and activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the source of funds for this agreement will include funds in the amount of \$50,000 that were designated in the 2004 Erie County Budget for the Sports Fishery Promotion Program in Cost Center 1620020, Environmental Compliance; as well as funds in the amount of \$136,000 that were re-appropriated in the Regionalism/Economic Development Funding in Cost Center 1335010, Arts/Culture/Tourism, to be further designated as follows:

Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau	
Sports Fishery Promotion Program	- \$116,500
Nissan Buffalo Marathon	- \$5,000
Amateur Softball Association	- \$10,000
STAR Swimming	- \$4,500
United State Figure Skating Association	- \$25,000
Group Ministries, Inc. (All Pro Hoops Camp)	- \$25,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive; the County Comptroller; the Director of the Division of Budget, Management, and Finance; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; and Richard Geiger, President/CEO of the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, 617 Main Street, Suite 200, Buffalo, New York 14203.

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**ALBERT DEBENEDETTI**  
**CHAIRMAN**